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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES WHEN TRANSPORTING A LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS

the specification of which

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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